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# "Sally's Wedding is next month"

**A STORY THAT TELLS  
WHAT BROUGHT TOGETHER TWO  
PEOPLE WHO MIGHT NEVER  
HAVE FALLEN IN LOVE**



**L**ET'S face it: Sally was too shy (and too-proud) to attract the kind of attention that flatters the female ego. Hers was a problem that has made so many girls and women suffer. To be on the sidelines, to share only in the crumbs instead of the social banquet is indeed hard to bear.

But that wasn't the worst of it. Every human being has the normal right to dream of "the right one for me". Not everyone, however, is willing to gain the spotlight by unusual behavior, or any

action that undermines one's dignity. That was Sally's dilemma. How to attract admirers . . . how to gain popularity without losing the respect of her friends and family.

**O**NE DAY, Sally learned about Dean Ross and his method of home-study piano playing. After twenty years as a music teacher, Dean Ross came to the conclusion that boring study and piano exercises were not necessary. He believed that most people wanted to play the piano to entertain themselves and their friends. They wanted to play popular music—tunes that could be sung and danced to. On that thought, Dean Ross developed a system that did away with the tiresome work. He made playing the piano the fun it should be.

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At that moment a new world opened to Sally . . . a world of happiness and popularity that could never be taken from her. More than that, Sally's playing brought her to the attention of Jim. He turned out to be "Mr. Right". In fact, everything is so right, that all of Sally's friends are spreading the happy news: "Sally's wedding is next month".

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Most people don't expect to become concert pianists. They simply want to play popular and familiar melodies for their own pleasure and to entertain their friends. All this is accomplished with the Dean Ross method . . . without the tiresome drills and boring exercises.

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# WHAT PRICE FOR LOVE?



I WAS YOUNG, GIDDY, AND VAIN, SELFISHLY INTERESTED IN HAVING A GOOD TIME FOR MYSELF. THEN TRAGEDY CAME INTO MY LIFE AND, STRANGELY ENOUGH, THROUGH IT...

**"I LEARNED ABOUT LOVE"**

MY STORY STARTS WITH MY GRADUATION FROM NURSING SCHOOL...



JENNIFER ROGERS.

THANK YOU.

IT HAD BEEN HARD WORK...ALL GRIND AND NO BOY FRIENDS. YES, I WAS HUNGRY FOR LOVE...

FULL OF GLAMOROUS DREAMS OF THE FUTURE, I WAS GETTING READY TO START A NEW JOB...



I'M GOING TO A MINING TOWN OUT WEST LOTS OF BIG, STRONG MEN AROUND. SOUNDS LIKE FUN, DON'T YOU THINK?

DON'T FORGET YOU'RE A NURSE, JEN, NOT A SOCIAL BUTTERFLY.



**BUT WHEN I GOT THERE...**

WHAT A MISERABLE LOOKING PLACE! AND THIS IS THE PLACE I DREAMED ABOUT... *OHhh!*

**COALTOWN**  
EL. 2200 FT.

THERE WAS PLENTY TO DO, BUT I LOATHED EVERY MINUTE OF IT.

MORE DIRTY MEN. OH WHY DID I EVER COME TO THIS FILTHY TOWN? HOW CAN I STAND IT? I HATE THIS PLACE!

**THEN ONE DAY...**

MISS ROGERS, THIS IS DOCTOR JAMES NELSON. HE'S COME TO HEAD THE CLINIC.

HOW DO YOU DO, DOCTOR?

AT LAST, HERE WAS A GOOD-LOOKING MAN. MY SPIRITS ROSE. I WAS YOUNG AND LONGED FOR EXCITEMENT AND ROMANCE. YES! I SET OUT TO MAKE JIM NELSON FALL IN LOVE WITH ME!

DR. NELSON WORKS HARD ENOUGH FOR THREE MEN.

I HAVE SOME PLANS FOR THAT GENTLEMAN-- TO TAKE HIS MIND OFF HIS WORK!

I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE SOME COFFEE AFTER THAT LAST OPERATION, DR. NELSON.

I WOULD, IF YOU'LL HAVE SOME WITH ME. IT'S LATE. I'LL TAKE YOU HOME.

**THAT NIGHT HE DROVE ME HOME...**

WHY, DOCTOR, YOU'RE STOPPING!

WE WERE BOTH TIRED...YOUNG! WE NEEDED A RELEASE. THE SETTING WAS IDEAL FOR ROMANCE. WE FELT A NEED FOR EACH OTHER!



"SWIFTLY AND SURELY HE PULLED ME TO HIM. I FELT HIS LIPS CRUSHING MINE, HIS ARMS HARD ABOUT ME. JUST WHAT I LONGED FOR..."

I NEVER THOUGHT I HAD TIME FOR LOVE, BUT YOU'VE BEWITCHED ME, JENNIFER.

DON'T YOU KNOW, DARLING, THAT'S JUST WHAT I WANTED TO DO.

"WE REALLY FELL IN LOVE, DIVINE DESPERATE LOVE..."

BE WITH ME FOREVER!

LET US DANCE OUR LIFE TOGETHER.

MARRY ME, DARLING!

OF COURSE, SWEETHEART!

"YES WE WERE ENGAGED TO MARRY, BUT OUR JOY WAS SHORT-LIVED, FOR A FEW WEEKS LATER..."

COME QUICKLY! TROUBLE AT THE MINES!

COME JEN, LET'S GO!

CAVE IN! HURRY, DOCTOR!

THE MEN ARE TRAPPED!

"MY BRAVE SWEETHEART DID NOT HESITATE. HE WENT TO HELP..."

DON'T COME IN JEN, IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!

NO, I WANT TO BE WITH YOU.

WE HAVE TO GET THROUGH HERE!

WE MUST SAVE THOSE MEN...

JIM...JIM, THAT POST IS GIVING AWAY!

CRACK!



I'LL HOLD IT UP. GET OUT, JEN DARLING.  
GET OUT! HURRY!

NOT  
WITHOUT  
YOU,  
SWEET-  
HEART!

JIM MADE ME GO. I MADE THE ENTRANCE OF  
THE MINE, BUT AS I LOOKED BACK...

JIM!

CRASH!

I SHALL NEVER  
FORGET THE  
HORROR....MY  
POOR BRAVE  
JIM, DEAD....  
I SCARCELY  
KNEW WHAT  
HAPPENED  
AFTER THAT,  
BUT I DO  
REMEMBER  
STRONG ARMS  
LIFTING ME  
UP AND  
CARRYING  
ME TO  
SAFETY...



I HARDLY LOOKED AT THE HANDSOME RED-  
HAired MAN WHO STOOD BEFORE ME. MY HEART  
KEPT SAYING, "JIM, JIM!"

I HOPE YOU'RE FEELING  
BETTER, MISS ROGERS. I KNOW  
WHAT A SHOCK YOU'VE HAD.

GOD KNOWS I DIDN'T WANT TO LIVE...I  
WANTED TO DIE...HOW COULD I LIVE  
WITHOUT JIM, BUT DAYS LATER IN MY ROOM.

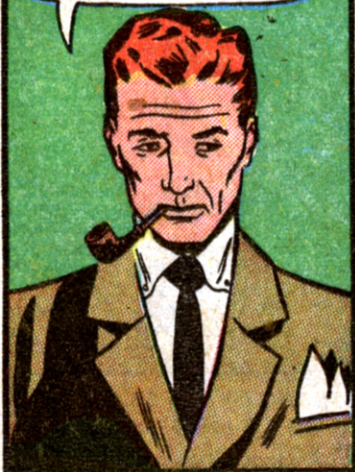
THIS IS ROD  
QUINN, WHO  
CARRIED YOU  
OUT OF THE  
MINE, JEN.

NO ONE CAN KNOW HOW I FEEL! HOW COULD  
SUCH A THING HAPPEN? WHY WEREN'T MORE  
SAFETY PRECAUTIONS TAKEN TO PREVENT A  
CAVE-IN? WHY THE MINE-OWNER IS NO BETTER  
THAN A MURDERER! JIM, JIM COME BACK TO ME...





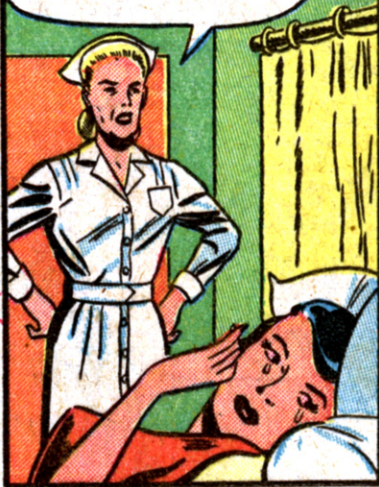
I'M AFRAID I CAN'T AGREE WITH YOU. YOU SEE, THE OWNER IS MY FATHER.



HE'S A MURDERER! HE KILLED MY JIM. SOB! SOB! I HATE YOU!



YOU'VE HURT HIM. THE MAN WHO HELPED SAVE YOUR LIFE!



"I DIDN'T CARE THEN, BUT LATER I KEPT REMEMBERING HOW GRAVE AND SAD HIS FACE HAD BEEN..."

YES, ON MY INSTANCE THE D. A. CALLED A GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION...

EXTRAS!... MINE OWNER QUINN INDICTED!



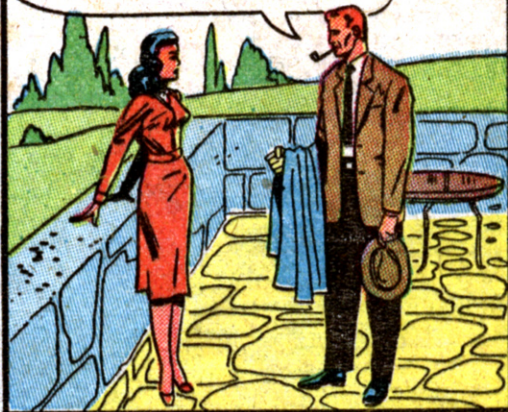
WHAT DID YOU SEE IN THE MINE, MISS ROGERS?

THE BEAM WAS ROTTEN. IT KILLED DR. NELSON.



I DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE ROD QUINN AGAIN BUT ONE DAY...

I KNOW YOU ARE GOING TO TESTIFY AGAINST MY FATHER. YOU MUST DO WHAT YOU THINK IS RIGHT.



BUT I KNOW HE IS NOT GUILTY, AND I'M GOING TO PROVE IT!

ROD QUINN LOOKED AT ME ACCUSINGLY, AS THOUGH I WERE ABOUT TO RUIN HIS FATHER/ WHY DID IT HAVE TO HAPPEN?

"SUDDENLY I FELT GREAT PITY FOR HIM. BEFORE I KNEW IT, I HAD LEANED OVER AND KISSED HIM GENTLY ON THE CHEEK..."

OH, JEN, THIS MEANS SO MUCH TO ME!





THEN HE BURIED HIS FACE IN MY HAIR AND FOUND MY LIPS IN A TINGLING GARESS...

OH, JENNIFER, IT'S NOT THE TIME NOW, BUT WHEN THIS MESS IS CLEARED UP...

OH DON'T, PLEASE DON'T, I DON'T KNOW WHY I KISSED YOU...



WHEN HE LEFT MY BRAIN WAS IN A WHIRL...

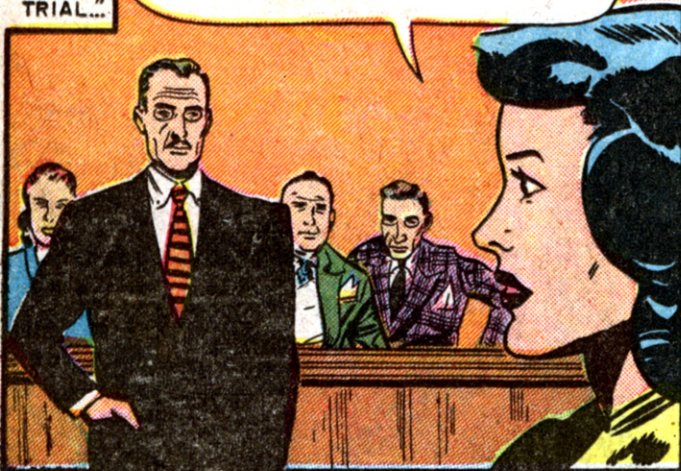
JENNIFER ROGERS, WHAT ARE YOU THINKING OF? HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN JIM SO SOON?



YET AS I LAY AWAKE THAT NIGHT I COULDN'T FORGET THE THRILLING TOUCH OF ROD'S LIPS ON MINE...

SOON CAME THE TRIAL...

YES SIR, I SAW THAT THE POST SUPPORTING THE ROOF WAS ROTTEN AT THE BASE.. SORT OF EATEN AWAY...



WHEN COURT HAD RECESSED, ROD SPOKE TO ME ...

YOU SAID EATEN AWAY, JEN. I'M GOING OUT TO THE MINE. YOU HAVE GIVEN ME AN IDEA THAT MAY CLEAR MY FATHER!

PLEASE... I WANT TO COME WITH YOU. I MUST BE SURE!



AT THE MINE...

DO YOU SEE ANYTHING?

NOT YET, BUT I WON'T GIVE UP.



FINALLY WE SAT DOWN TO REST...

THERE'S THE BEAM UNDER ALL THAT DEBRIS. WHAT'S THAT? OH, ROD, A RAT...

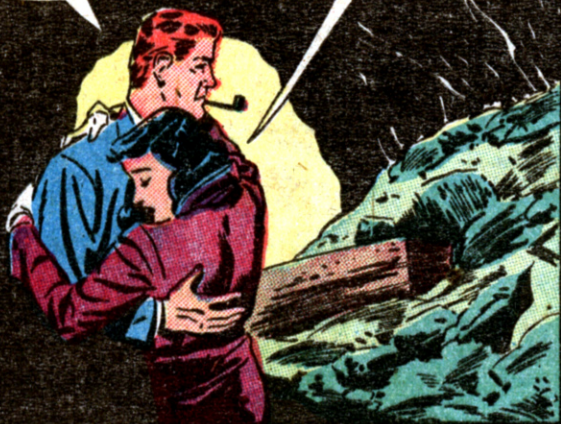




AS I CLUNG, TERRIFIED, TO HIM, I COULD FEEL HIS ARMS TIGHTEN PROTECTIVELY ABOUT ME...

JEN, DON'T BE AFRAID.

THEY SCARE ME, AND OH, THIS AWFUL PLACE WHERE JIM DIED?



STAY HERE. I WANT TO DIG AROUND THAT BEAM.



THAT'S IT. RAT BITES! A WHOLE COLONY OF RATS GNAWED AWAY THE SUPPORT DEEP UNDER GROUND. NOT DECAY! DAD COMPLIED WITH THE SAFETY RULES. HE COULDN'T BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THIS!



AND NOW, MY DARLING, I CAN TELL YOU. I LOVE YOU, YOUR BEAUTY, YOUR GOODNESS... I ADORE YOU.



THEN I GAVE IN... WHOLLY, FULLY...

OH ROD, I WAS SELFISH AND VAIN. BUT FIRST JIM, AND THEN YOU, HAVE SHOWN ME WHAT GOODNESS AND LOYALTY ARE. I DO LOVE YOU SO...



THE NEXT DAY I WAS A WITNESS AGAIN...

SO YOU WENT BACK TO THE MINE AND SAW THAT THE BEAM HAD BEEN CHEWED BY RATS...

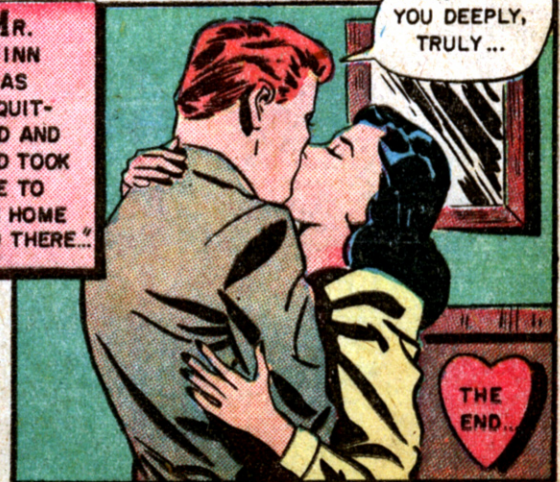
YES. NOW I KNOW MR. QUINN WAS INNOCENT!



ONCE AGAIN OUR LIPS MET IN AN ECSTATIC KISS. MY POUNDING HEART KEPT SAYING, "THIS IS IT! THIS IS IT! FOREVER"...

JEN, I LOVE YOU DEEPLY, TRULY...

MR. QUINN WAS ACQUITTED AND ROD TOOK ME TO HIS HOME AND THERE...

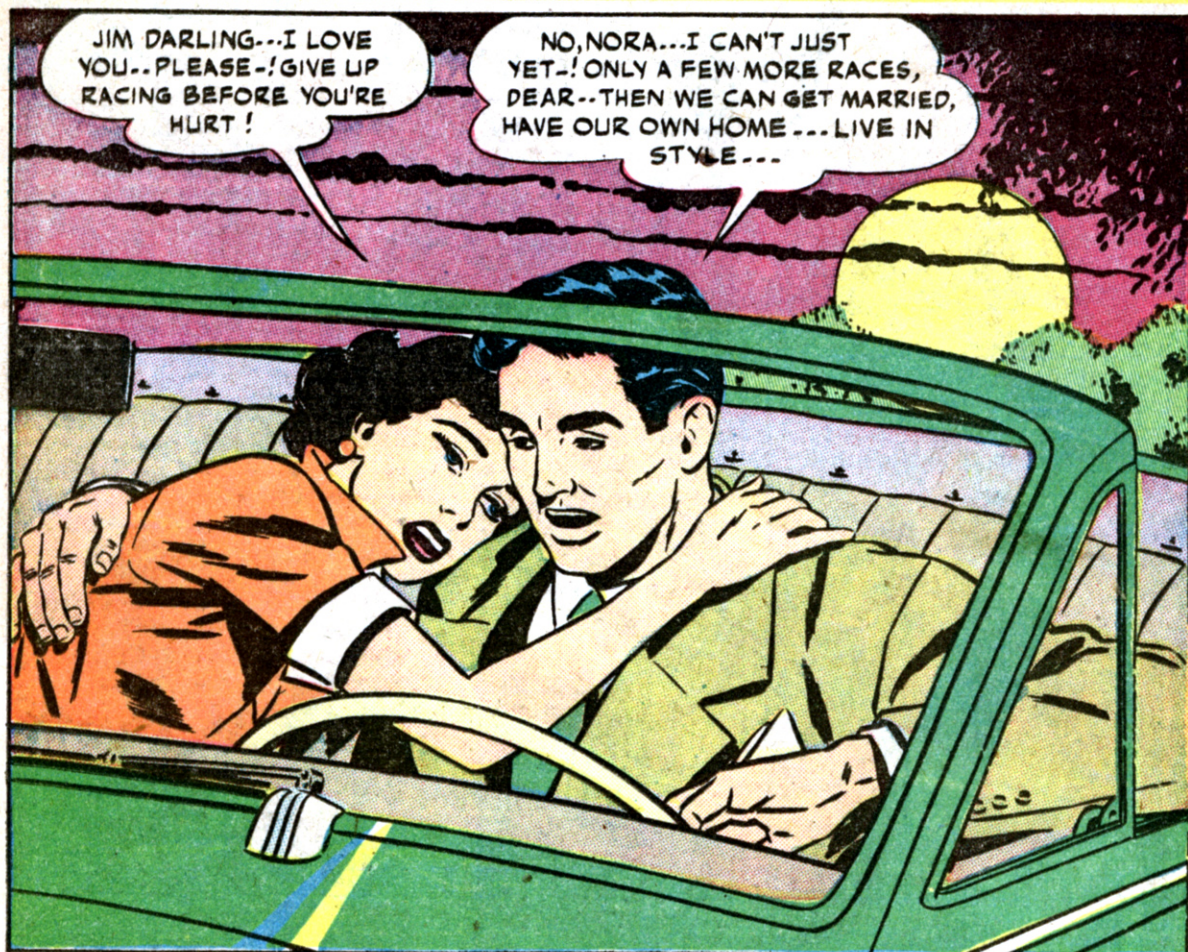


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# DAREDEVIL'S LOVE

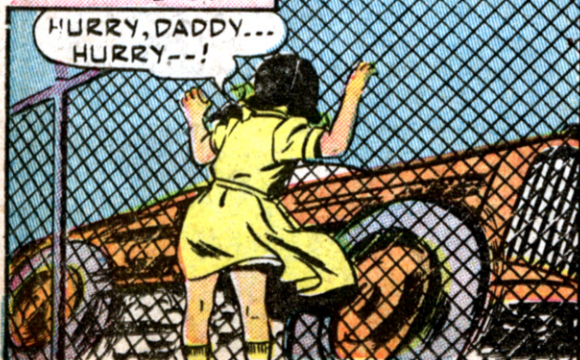
NORA THOMPSON WANTED A QUIET, HAPPY, NORMAL LIFE WHERE SHE COULD BE FREE OF THE ROARING MONSTERS THAT HAD MADE HER FATHER A HOPELESS CRIPPLE. INSTEAD, SHE FELL IN LOVE WITH JIM BLAKE WHO ONLY PROMISED HER THE CHILLS AND SPILLS OF THE SPEEDWAY. ..WHERE EVERY RUSHING FOOT WOULD BE BACKED BY DISASTER...WHERE EVERY TURN OF THE WHEEL WOULD SPELL OUT A...**MOCKERY TO LOVE!!**



JIM DARLING---I LOVE YOU--PLEASE--! GIVE UP RACING BEFORE YOU'RE HURT!

NO, NORA...I CAN'T JUST YET--! ONLY A FEW MORE RACES, DEAR--THEN WE CAN GET MARRIED, HAVE OUR OWN HOME...LIVE IN STYLE---

MAYBE YOU THINK RACING IS FUN..IT SEEMS EXCITING WHEN THE GAYLY-COLORED CARS WHIZZ AROUND THE TURNS THEIR ENGINES ROARING..WELL..IT'S NOT! I OUGHT TO KNOW. --I'VE GROWN UP ALL MY LIFE WITH CARS-- EVEN AS A BABY---



HURRY, DADDY... HURRY--!

MY NAME IS NORA THOMPSON..TOM THOMPSON'S MY POP--! YES...THE GREATEST RACER OF THEM ALL --THE ONE WHO HAD THAT ACCIDENT..BUT LET'S NOT GET AHEAD OF MY STORY..I WAS JUST EIGHTEEN THEN..AND I THOUGHT NOTHING WAS MORE THRILLING THAN RACING CARS--!



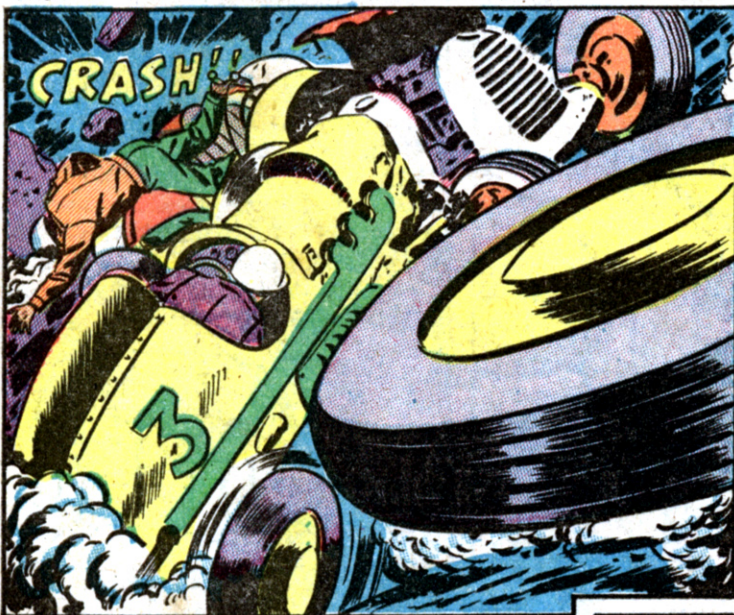
THERE HE GOES, BOYS... POP'S DONE IT AGAIN--!



BY THE TIME I WAS TWENTY, THERE WASN'T A RACE TRACK IN THE COUNTRY I HADN'T VISITED WITH MY POP...WE LOVED EACH OTHER...



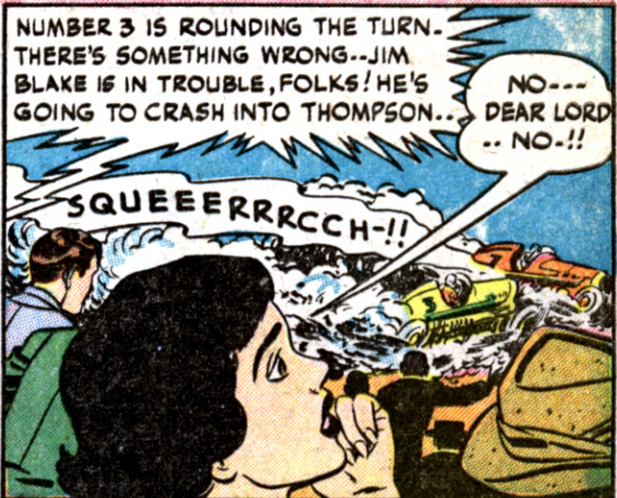
I STOOD THERE...PARALYZED...! IT WASN'T REAL... TWO LITTLE CARS--TOYS-- FROM WHERE I STOOD, LOCKED WHEELS--ROLLED OVER AND BOUNCED AGAINST THE WALL!



I HAD STUMBLING OUT OF THE WARD AND INTO JIM BLAKE'S ARMS...HE HAD ESCAPED...LUCKY FOR HIM! I SHOULD HAVE HATED HIM... BUT I DIDN'T...I COULDN'T...



THEN CAME THAT TERRIBLE DAY...THE DAY I WAS TO FIND THAT BEING A DAREDEVIL'S DAUGHTER ISN'T JUST FUN...THAT A SPEEDWAY CAN ALSO BE A REASON FOR MISERY AND ANGUISH...



THEN I WAS RUNNING TO POP... HE LAY THERE...DIRTY AND BLOOD-STREAKED IN THE MILLING, CONFUSED CROWD...HIS LEGS HOPELESSLY MANGLED! AN AMBULANCE CAME---NEXT--A HOSPITAL WITH DOCTORS AND NURSES TELLING ME HE WOULD LIVE, BUT NEVER WALK AGAIN!

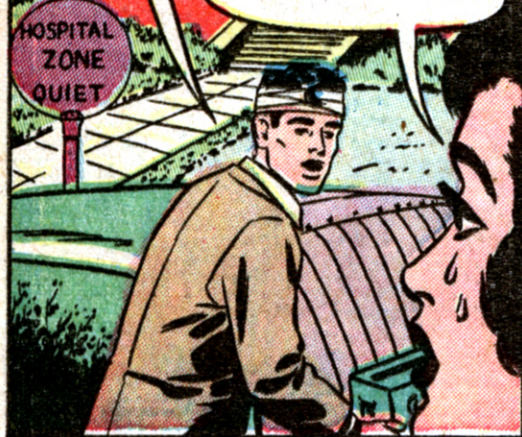


I SHOULD HAVE MADE POP QUIT WHEN HE WAS AHEAD...NOW--H-HE'S CRIPPLED--ONLY HALF-ALIVE! THIS IS A ROTTEN GAME... MISS THOMPSON... --BUT FOR SOME LIKE YOUR DAD...IT'S HIS WHOLE LIFE! I ONLY WISH IT DIDN'T HAVE TO BE HIM---

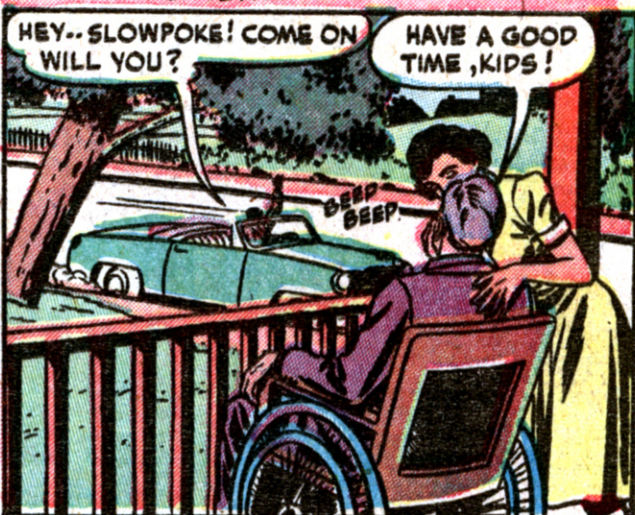




CAN I GIVE YOU A LIFT HOME? A-ALL WE CAN'T BE OF ANY HELP HERE---YOU NEED SOME REST...  
 --- BUT IT REALLY DOESN'T MATTER WHAT HAPPENS NOW---- NOTHING MATTERS!

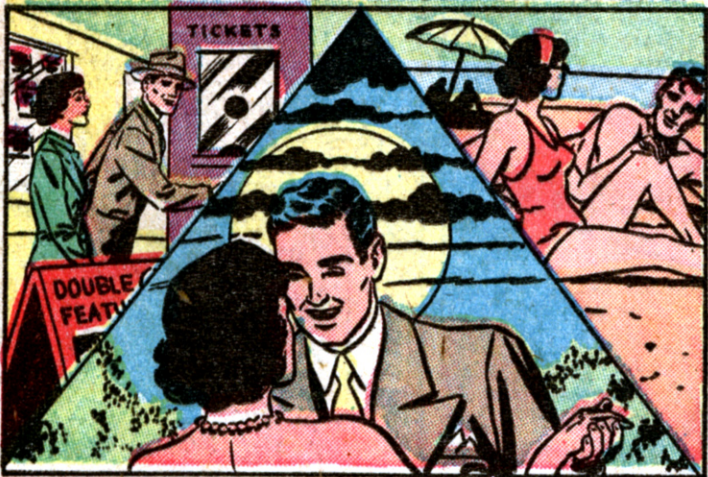


BUT JIM WAS UNDERSTANDING...HE COMFORTED ME...KEPT ME ENTERTAINED...DID EVERYTHING TO MAKE ME FORGET...AND WITH THE PASSING OF MANY WEEKS...AND POP'S RECOVERY...I DID FORGET...



JIM AND I SAW A GREAT DEAL OF EACH OTHER. GRADUALLY, I WAS GETTING TO MORE THAN LIKE HIM --HE WAS KIND, GENTLE, TENDER---WITH A CAREFREE GRIN ON HIS HANDSOME FACE..WE BELONGED TOGETHER!

FINALLY, HE BECAME MORE THAN JUST A GOOD FRIEND TO ME...I FELL IN LOVE WITH JIM-- DEEPLY, SINCERELY, COMPLETELY!



NORA, DEAR...IT'S HEAVEN WHEN I DANCE WITH YOU..AND I DON'T CARE HOW CORNY I SOUND! I MEAN IT!

I COULD LISTEN TO THOSE SWEET NOTHINGS ALL NIGHT---YOUR CLOSENESS MAKES ME TINGLE---



THEN MARRY ME, DARLING.. AND I'LL SAY THEM FOR ALWAYS! I LOVE YOU, NORA!  
 JIM--JIM --- DEAREST--AND I LOVE YOU TOO-- SO MUCH--THAT IT HURTS!

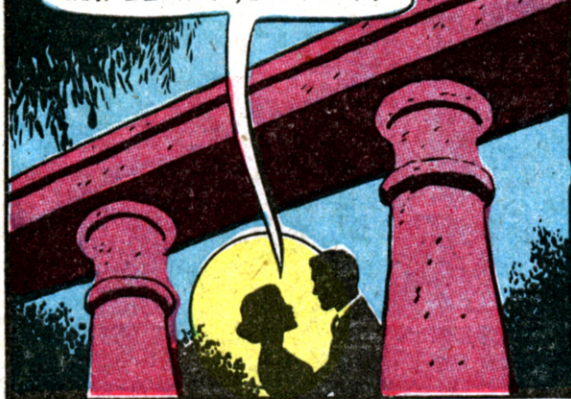
HE KISSED ME THEN--A TENDER, PROTECTIVE KISS...YET A FIRM, STRAIGHT-FORWARD ONE...WITH ALL THE DESIRE OF A MAN FOR A WOMAN---YET WITH ALL THE GENTLENESS OF PURE LOVE---





MY SENSES REELED IN THIS PARADISE! BUT SOMETHING MARRED MY BLISS...REALITY TOOK OVER AND CLUTCHED AT MY HEART!

JIM, I CAN'T MARRY YOU TILL YOU GIVE UP RACING--YOU CAN GET A HEAD MECHANIC'S JOB! WE'LL HAVE SECURITY--SAFETY! I CAN'T LIVE ALWAYS AFRAID TODAY YOU MAY BE HURT, CRIPPLED!



SOME NIGHTS, HOWEVER, WERE UNBEARABLE!

I LOVE HIM SO---IF ANYTHING HAPPENS-- I'LL--I'LL DIE!



AND WITH THESE SUCCESSES CAME NEW FRIENDS, ADMIRERS, GAY PARTIES, AND MARCIA!

YOU WERE WONDERFUL, MR. BLAKE--HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO RACE FOR PEOPLE WITH REAL MONEY?

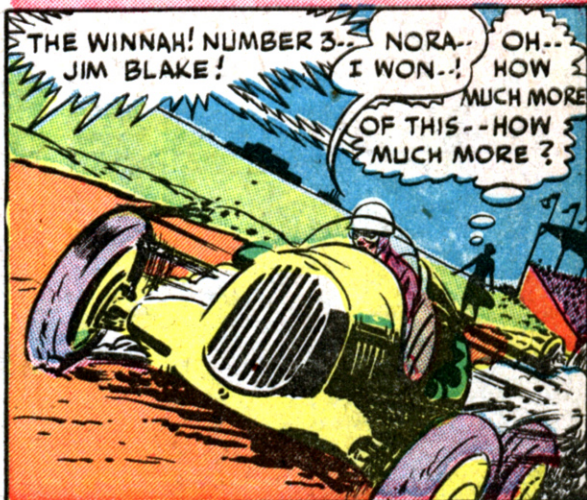
DARLING--PLEASE DON'T BE TAKEN IN--PLEASE STAY YOUR OWN SWEET SELF!



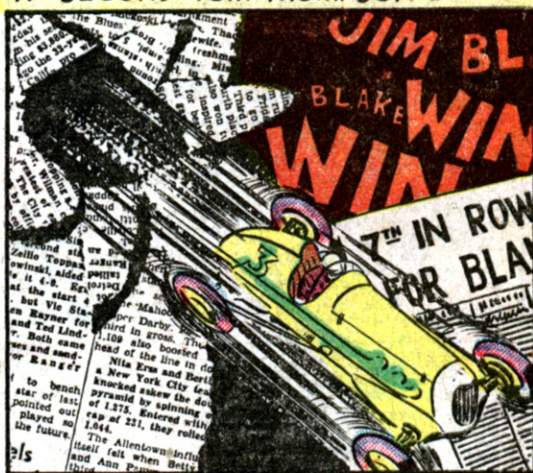
JIM SAID HE WOULD...BUT NOT YET!" JUST A FEW MORE RACES," HE SAID--AND THEN WE COULD GET MARRIED IN STYLE---AND I LIKE A FOOL, PUSHED BACK MY FEARS AND WAITED---

THE WINNAH! NUMBER 3-- JIM BLAKE!

NORA-- OH-- HOW MUCH MORE OF THIS--HOW MUCH MORE?



BUT JIM SEEMED POSSESSED WITH SOME INNER LUCK! HE WON RACE AFTER RACE. SOON HE WAS DUBBED A "SECOND TOM THOMPSON"---



I WATCHED JIM APPROACH ME--HE DIDN'T SEEM TOO PLEASED TO SEE ME---I TRIED TO MAKE MYSELF LOOK HAPPY-- BUT I WAS MISERABLE!

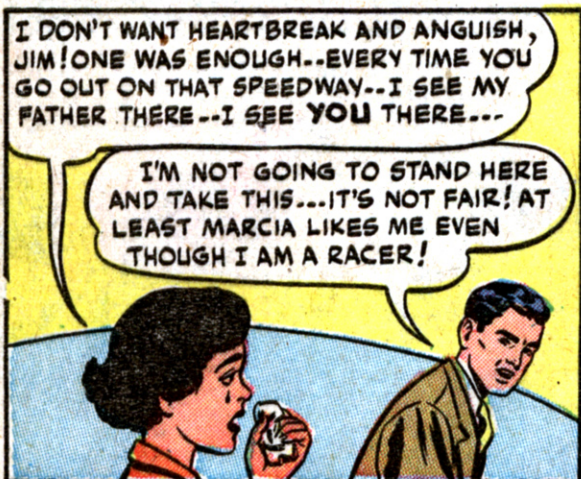
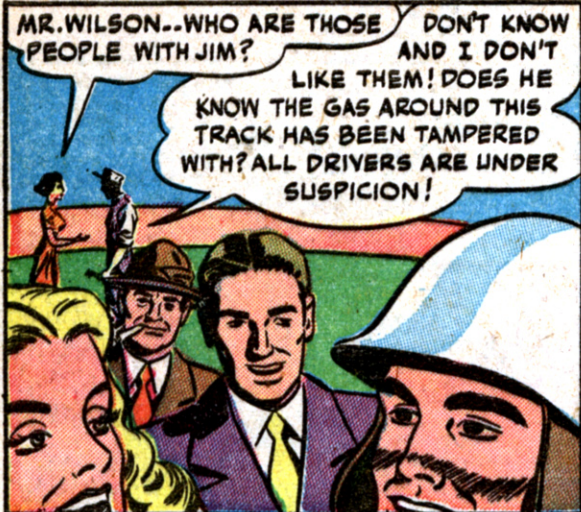
CAN'T YOU QUIT NOW SO WE CAN BE MARRIED SOON? WE'LL BE SO HAPPY!

SURE HONEY--SURE-- EXCUSE ME--I HAVE TO SEE MY NEW BACKERS!





JIM GRADUALLY FELL MORE AND MORE INTO THE HANDS OF HIS TOO LOUD-TALKING FRIENDS, AND OVER-ANXIOUS ADMIRERS...

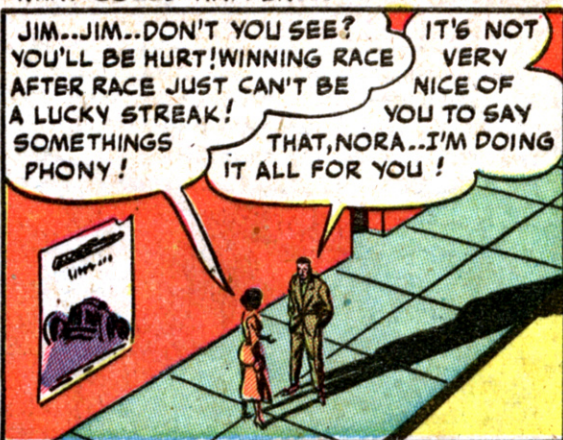


THAT NIGHT MARCIA AND JIM DID GO TO DINNER! I STAYED HOME ALONE.



MARCIA HAD HIM ALL-RIGHT -BUT EVEN THOUGH

I DIDN'T THINK HE DID...I TRIED TO PLEAD WITH HIM---TO WARN HIM ABOUT WHAT COULD HAPPEN...



MY PLEADING WITH HIM HAD NO EFFECT... THAT NEXT AFTERNOON, AS I SAT ON THE PORCH HOPING AGAINST HOPE THAT JIM WOULD WALK BY, MARCIA VISITED ME, INSTEAD.



THAT NIGHT MARCIA AND JIM DID GO TO DINNER! I STAYED HOME ALONE.

MY WORLD CRASHED AROUND ME! I HAD LOST HIM--THE ONLY MAN I EVER LOVED! I DIDN'T KNOW IT THEN, BUT JIM WAS IN HIS OWN PERSONAL MISERY!

JUST GOT RID OF HIS GIRL..--HA--HA..THE SUCKER'S SO MUCH IN LOVE WITH HIMSELF THAT HE WON'T KNOW THE DIFFERENCE!





JIM WAS RUDELY AWAKENED. HE HAD OPENED HIS EYES AT LAST. IT WASN'T PLEASANT TO BE SO RUDELY AWAKENED... BUT NOW, HE REALIZED HE HAD BEEN USED!

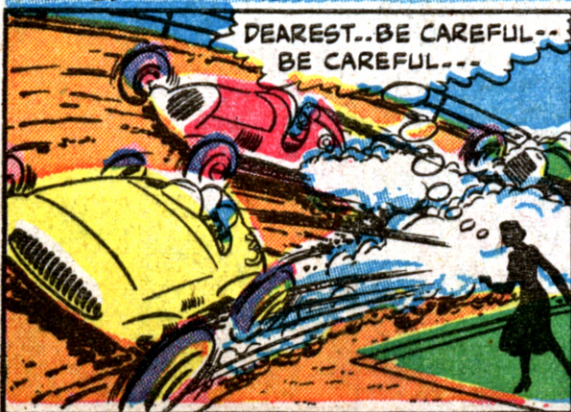
THIS IS THE BIG RACE--SO DON'T MUFF IT UP! SPIKE HERE WILL WATER HIS GASOLINE AT THE 22 LAP WHEN HE DRIVES BACK TO THE PIT---THEN JOE WINS THE RACE--AND WE COLLECT THE PURSE!



SO YOU'RE THE KIND THAT WALKS OUT ON A GUY--O.K. BUT DON'T YOU WANT TO HEAR MY SIDE?



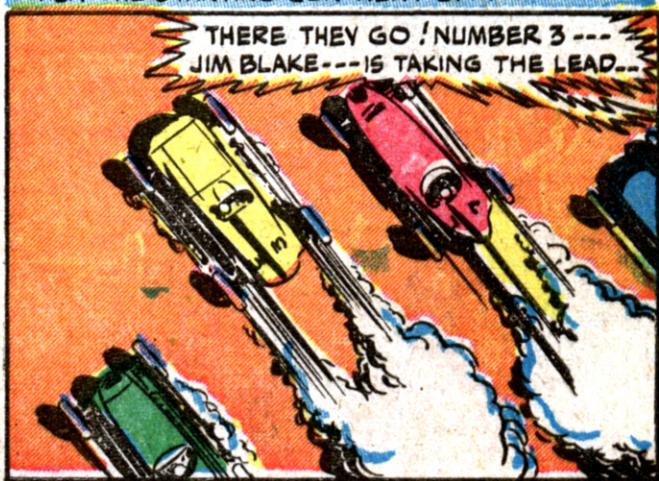
AND ONCE MORE, THE RACE WITH DEATH BEGAN! THE ROARING CARS SPUN DIZZILY AROUND THE TRACK---TEN LAPS WENT BY--- JIM WAS KEEPING HIS LEAD---AND MY HEART LEAPED IN MY THROAT---



THAT NEXT AFTERNOON I TOOK POP TO SEE THE GREATEST RACE OF THEM ALL--THE INDIANAPOLIS SPEEDWAY CONTEST--I RAN INTO JIM.....



BUT BEFORE I COULD STOP HIM, HE WAS GONE! I SAT THERE---NOT KNOWING WHAT TO DO---I WAS TOO CONFUSED INSIDE--- THEN THE STARTING GUN WENT OFF!



THEN---IN THE 22ND LAP...JIM DROVE TO HIS PIT FOR REFUELING...I COULD WATCH HIS FACE--BUT I COULDN'T SENSE THE TENSENESS THAT WAS UNDERNEATH IT!

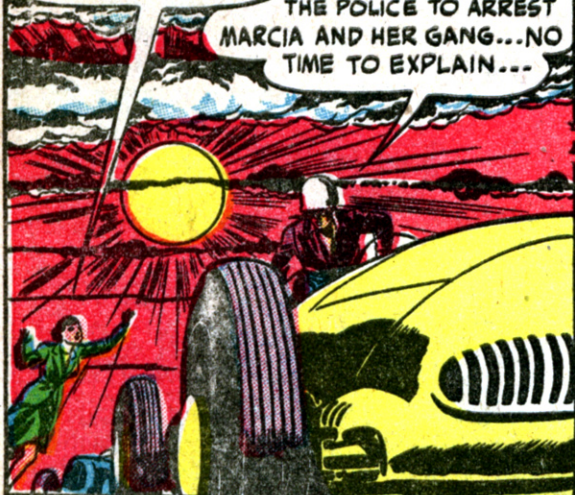




I RAN TOWARDS HIM--JUST AS HE WAS GETTING BACK IN THE CAR!

JIM...WHAT IS IT? ARE YOU IN TROUBLE?

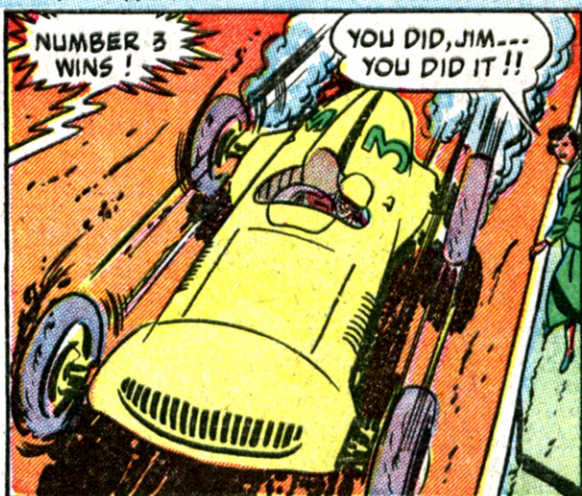
NOTHING THAT I CAN'T HANDLE! TELL THE POLICE TO ARREST MARCIA AND HER GANG...NO TIME TO EXPLAIN...



THEN HE ZOOMED OFF....I CALLED THE POLICE AND TOLD THEM WHAT I HAD SEEN.... BUT MY EYES WERE ON THE RACE...IT WAS THE LAST LAP...AND JIM ROARED DOWN THE TRACK---

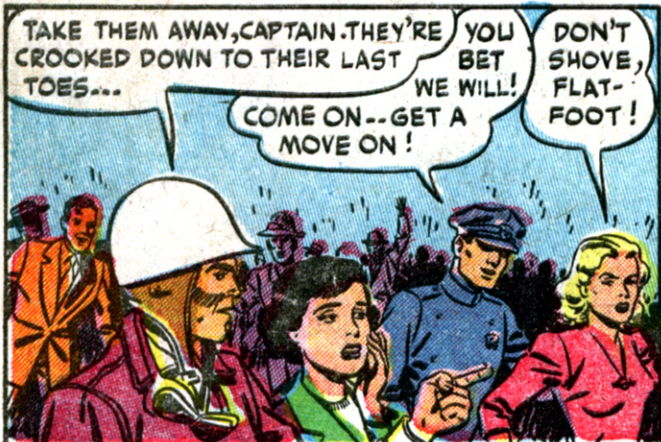
NUMBER 3 WINS!

YOU DID, JIM... YOU DID IT!!



JIM CLIMBED OUT OF HIS CAR, AND RAN TOWARDS US...HIS FACE SET AND GRIM; I STOOD THERE AND LISTENED TO HIM EXPLAINING TO THE POLICE ABOUT A FIX---

AND BEFORE I KNEW IT, JIM HAD DRAWN ME CLOSE TO HIM, AND WAS KISSING ME--IN FRONT OF THE ENTIRE GRINNING CROWD!!



TAKE THEM AWAY, CAPTAIN. THEY'RE CROOKED DOWN TO THEIR LAST TOES...

YOU BET WE WILL!

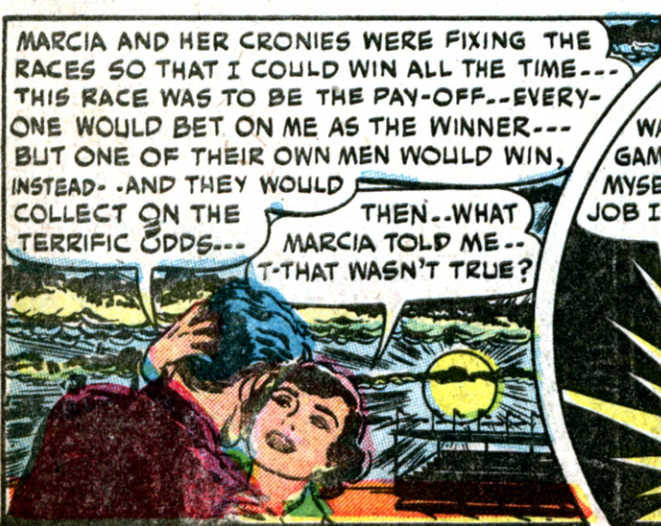
DON'T SHOVE, FLAT-FOOT!

COME ON--GET A MOVE ON!



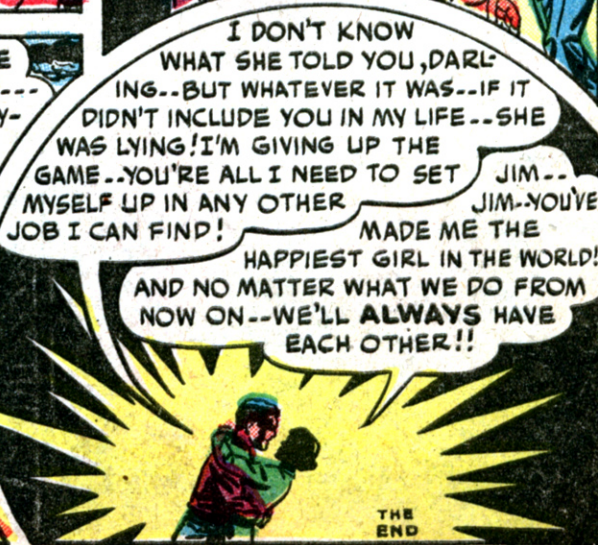
CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE A BLIND FOOL, NORA? WILL YOU EVER TELL ME AGAIN THAT YOU LOVE ME?

B-BUT JIM... I DON'T UNDERSTAND.



MARCIA AND HER CRONIES WERE FIXING THE RACES SO THAT I COULD WIN ALL THE TIME--- THIS RACE WAS TO BE THE PAY-OFF--EVERYONE WOULD BET ON ME AS THE WINNER--- BUT ONE OF THEIR OWN MEN WOULD WIN, INSTEAD--AND THEY WOULD COLLECT ON THE TERRIFIC ODDS---

THEN..WHAT MARCIA TOLD ME--T-THAT WASN'T TRUE?



I DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE TOLD YOU, DARLING..BUT WHATEVER IT WAS...IF IT DIDN'T INCLUDE YOU IN MY LIFE--SHE WAS LYING! I'M GIVING UP THE GAME..YOU'RE ALL I NEED TO SET MYSELF UP IN ANY OTHER JOB I CAN FIND!

JIM-- JIM--YOU'VE MADE ME THE HAPPIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD! AND NO MATTER WHAT WE DO FROM NOW ON--WE'LL ALWAYS HAVE EACH OTHER!!

THE END



MINE  
WAS A

# Jealous Heart

ALL I WANT  
NOW IS TO KISS YOU,  
HAVE YOU ALWAYS  
NEAR ME!

HOLD ME  
CLOSE! I LOVE  
YOU SO MUCH!

FLEISHMAN

**W**HEN HANDSOME, SOPHISTICATED ERIC JAMES CAME INTO MY SIMPLE LIFE, IT CHANGED COMPLETELY. IT BROUGHT LOVE, BUT IT ALSO BROUGHT JEALOUSY, DESPAIR AND A WISH TO KILL OR BE KILLED. THIS IS MY STORY. IT CONCERNS LANA DEANE AND ME.

**L**ANA DEANE WAS MY RICH - AND BEAUTIFUL - COUSIN. I, JILL WARREN, THE POOR ONE, WE ADORED EACH OTHER SINCE CHILDHOOD, YET WHEN SHE WAS HURT BADLY AND CAUGHT IN AN AVALANCHE OF SNOW, I WAS GLAD!.....

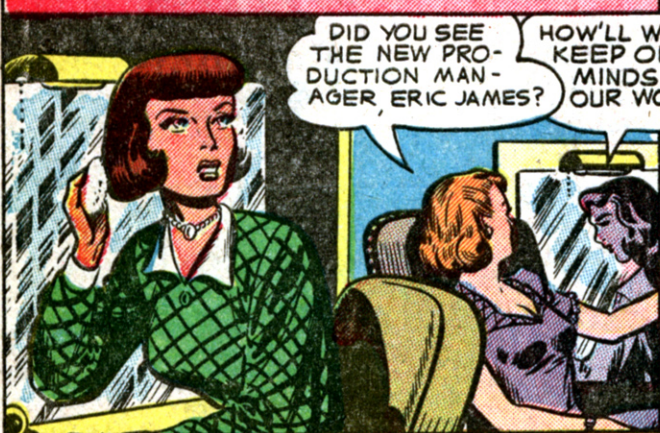
**I** WAS RECEPTIONIST AT THE A.T.A. TELEVISION COMPANY. HANDSOME MEN WERE ALWAYS COMING IN - BUT WHEN ERIC JAMES SPOKE TO ME, SOMETHING HAPPENED TO ME. I SCARCELY HAD BREATH TO ANSWER HIM.

I HAVE AN  
APPOINTMENT WITH  
MR. ELDRIDGE.

WHY-YES-OF COURSE,  
MR. JAMES! ONE MOMENT,  
PLEASE.



**A** GAIN I FELT MY HEART LEAP AT THE MERE MENTION OF HIS NAME... ERIC JAMES!



DID YOU SEE THE NEW PRODUCTION MANAGER, ERIC JAMES?

HOW'LL WE KEEP OUR MINDS ON OUR WORK?

YES, EVERYONE KNEW ERIC. TO ME HE SEEMED SO FAR AWAY....

**A** FEW DAYS LATER I ALMOST SWOONED WHEN I WAS SUMMONED TO HIS OFFICE.



HOW D'YOU DO, MISS WARREN? I NEED AN ASSISTANT. MR. ELDRIDGE SUGGESTED YOU. DO YOU THINK YOU CAN TAKE OVER?



**M**Y HEART POUNDED AND I FELT STARS IN MY EYES AS I STAMMERED...

I SHALL DO MY BEST M-MR. JAMES.



IT SEEMED FATE WAS BRINGING US TOGETHER.

YOU MAY MOVE YOUR THINGS IN HERE, MISS WARREN.



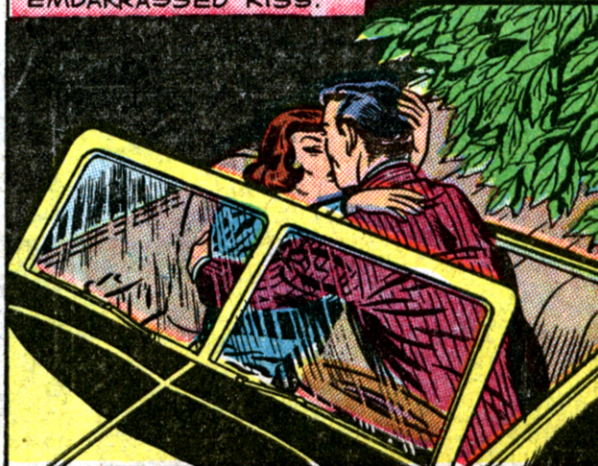
**I**N THE NEXT WEEKS I DISCOVERED WHAT HARD WORK REALLY WAS, BUT I LOVED IT. BEING NEAR RICK WAS - PURE JOY! WAS IT VANITY? I THOUGHT HE ENJOYED IT TOO!



DO YOU WANT TO FINISH THIS TONIGHT MR. JAMES?

YES, IF YOU DON'T MIND WORKING LATE!

**T**HAT NIGHT RICK TOOK ME HOME IN HIS CAR. TIRED, I CUDDLED CLOSE TO HIM, HALF AFRAID. THE INEVITABLE HAPPENED. I SHALL ALWAYS REMEMBER OUR FIRST EMBARRASSED KISS.





**W**HEN WE GOT TO MY LITTLE APARTMENT, I ASKED RICK IN.

MR. JAMES, DON'T YOU THINK ANDREA SHOULD SING, "I'M GONNA WASH THAT MAN RIGHT OUT OF MY HAIR--- LIKE THIS..."



WHY, JILL, THAT WAS WONDERFUL! DOES ANYONE HERE KNOW YOU SING?

YOU'VE PERSONALITY... CHARM! ARE THE PEOPLE AROUND THE OFFICE DEAF AND BLIND?

JILL, I WANT BUCK HARRIS TO HEAR YOU TOMORROW!

I-I NEVER TOLD ANYONE I CAN SING...

**H**IS ARMS ENVELOPING ME MADE MY EYES SWIM. I WANTED TO STAY CLOSE. BUT HE PUT ME DOWN.

**I**N SO SHORT A TIME - RECEPTIONIST, ASSISTANT, AND NOW SINGER! I, ON TELEVISION! IT WAS LIKE A HEADY WINE... YET I WAS HEAVY-HEARTED.

SO YOU REALLY THINK I'M GOOD ENOUGH?

YES, I DO - PLEASE STUDY THIS PART!

**R**HEARSALS WERE EXCITING - BUT I KNEW I WAS LONGING TO BE BACK IN THAT LITTLE ASSISTANT'S ROOM - NEAR RICK.

THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY!

YES, I WAS SUCCESSFUL. BUT I WANTED RICK WHO NOW ONLY HAD TIME TO PASS OCCASIONALLY



**T**WO WEEKS HAD PASSED. MY COUSIN LANA HAD INVITED ME, WITH AN ESCORT, TO HER WEEKEND PARTY-FOR WINTER SPORTS. I DON'T KNOW HOW I GOT THE COURAGE, BUT THAT EVENING I KNOCKED AT RICK'S DOOR.



MR. JAMES DO YOU THINK I CAN SAFELY GO OUT OF TOWN FOR THE WEEKEND? I-I--

MISS WARREN! GOOD TO SEE YOU! WE MISS YOU HERE!



I'D LIKE YOU TO CALL ME JILL- THEN, PERHAPS I MAY INVITE YOU TO A WEEKEND PARTY- WINTER SPORTS--

I'M AFRAID I DON'T SKI, JILL- AND THERE ARE LOTS OF LOOSE ENDS HERE--



**T**O MY DISMAY, TEARS RUSHED TO MY EYES. I TURNED AWAY TO CONCEAL MY EMOTIONS. HAD RICK FORGOTTEN ME SO QUICKLY?

JILL, DEAR, YOU'RE CRYING

...SOB-



RICK GRABBED ME AS THOUGH MY DESIRES WERE LIKE AN ELECTRIC CURRENT.



**W**HEN I FELT THOSE STRONG, DEAR ARMS AROUND ME AGAIN, I CLUNG TO HIM AND FELT HIS KISS DEEPEN IN RESPONSE TO MY EMOTION.

YOU FOOLISH DARLING. IF YOU FEEL SO BAD I'LL MANAGE TO COME TO YOUR PARTY.

RICK, I NEED YOU SO MUCH..





NOW, I FELT THAT RICK LOVED ME,  
WANTED ME AS MUCH AS I WANTED HIM.

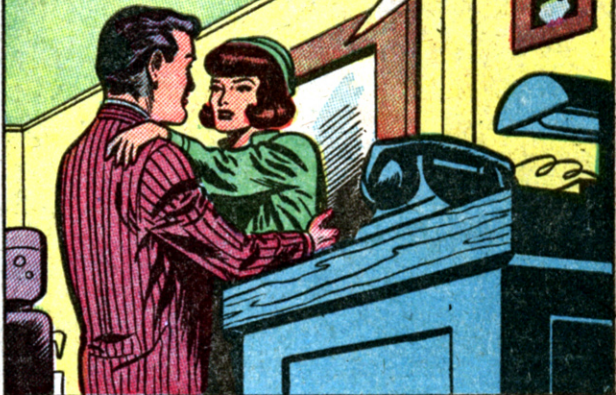
I'VE HATED THAT  
TELEVISION. IT  
KEPT ME AWAY  
FROM YOU.

THE TRUTH IS I'VE  
MISSED YOU TOO;  
MY DARLING.



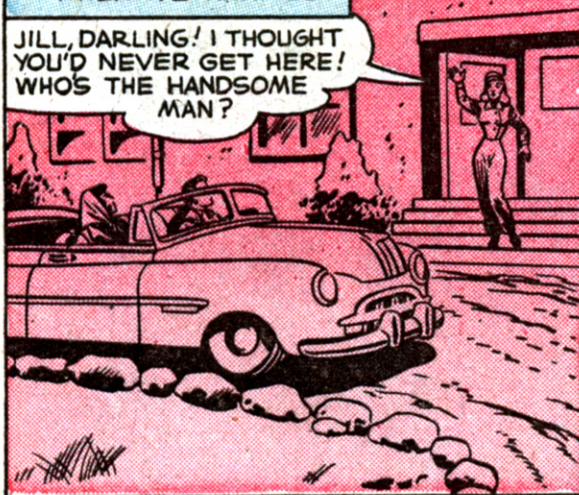
YOU'D BETTER MEET  
ME EARLY IF I'M SPENDING  
THE WEEKEND WITH  
YOU.

ALL RIGHT, RICK.  
PLEASE PICK  
ME UP IN THE  
MORNING AT  
EIGHT.



**T**HE PARTY WAS IN FULL PROGRESS  
WHEN WE ARRIVED.

JILL, DARLING! I THOUGHT  
YOU'D NEVER GET HERE!  
WHO'S THE HANDSOME  
MAN?



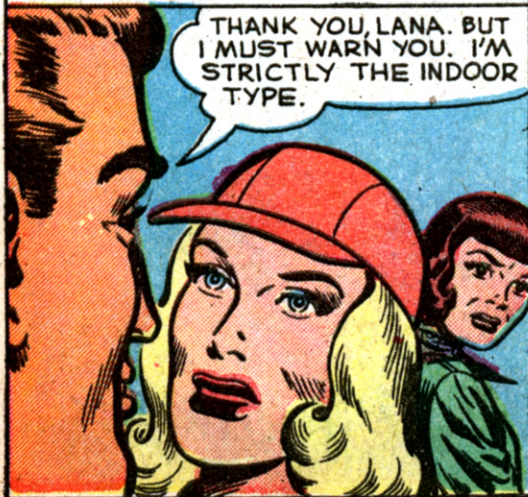
LANA, THIS IS  
ERIC JAMES.  
MY COUSIN,  
LANA DEANE -  
OUR HOSTESS.

WELCOME, RICK. LET'S  
START RIGHT OFF WITH  
FIRST NAMES. I'M  
LANA TO YOU.



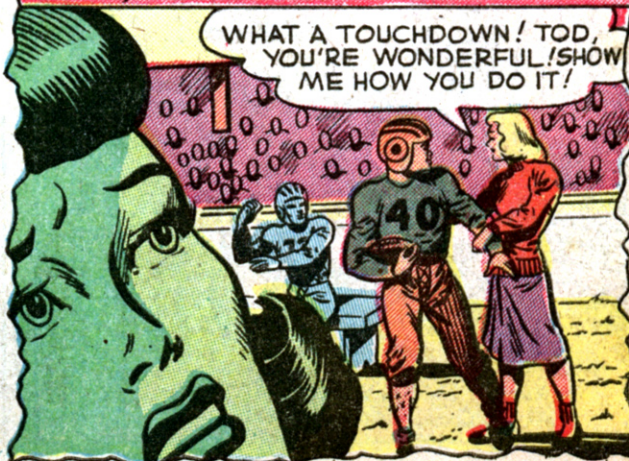
A FORBODING GRIPPED ME AS LANA'S  
EYES SHOWED INSTANT ADMIRATION.

THANK YOU, LANA. BUT  
I MUST WARN YOU. I'M  
STRICTLY THE INDOOR  
TYPE.



**I** THOUGHT: IS LANA UP TO HER OLD TRICKS?  
IT FLASHED THROUGH MY MIND WHEN  
SHE MET MY HIGH SCHOOL CRUSH, TOD  
GREEN, AND HOW I LOST HIM.

WHAT A TOUCHDOWN! TOD,  
YOU'RE WONDERFUL! SHOW  
ME HOW YOU DO IT!





**A**ND THERE WAS HENRY GRAHAM WHO USED TO CALL ME EVERY DAY! HOW I LOST HIM...

YOU'RE A WALKING ENCYCLOPEDIA, HENRY... WOULD YOU HELP ME WITH MY MATH?



HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR WEEKEND WITH US, RICK. ANYTHING YOU WANT - JUST ASK FOR IT!



OH, NOT THIS TIME, LANA! RICK, OH, PLEASE DON'T LET HER TAKE YOU AWAY FROM ME!

**T**HAT EVENING WE WERE ONLY DANCING BUT I WAS CLOSE IN RICK'S ARMS, MY HEART POUNDING AGAINST HIS. LOVE? JEALOUSY? OR BOTH?

ENJOY SKIING THIS AFTERNOON, JILL?

HM... WHAT WERE YOU DOING ALL AFTERNOON?



LANA DISCUSSED A TELEVISION PROPOSITION WITH ME. OH - SOMETHING I MUSTN'T FORGET. MIND IF I CUT IN ON HER?



PLEASE EXCUSE ME A MOMENT, BOB



RICK AND LANA LEFT THE ROOM. JEALOUSLY, I FOLLOWED THEM. WHAT I SAW BROKE MY HEART COMPLETELY....



I HURRIED FROM WHAT I HAD SEEN THROUGH THAT DOOR.... LANA'S ARMS ABOUT RICK'S NECK. THEY WERE KISSING! I THOUGHT ONLY OF ESCAPE!

**A**S I RAN AND RAN THROUGH THE SNOWY NIGHT MY THOUGHTS CLEARED. I MUST FACE IT - I LOVED BUT WAS NOT LOVED IN RETURN. LANA HAD STOLEN THE ONLY MAN I REALLY EVER CARED FOR.





I HAD BEEN SEEN RUNNING AWAY...

LANA, I SAW JILL RUNNING AWAY, ALONE IN THE SNOW!

OH! THE LITTLE FOOL! I MUST FIND HER! THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT SHE'LL DO!

THEN I SAW LANA! AND SUDDENLY THERE WAS A ROAR AND A SNOW-SLIDE WAS STARTING, IN HER PATH!

I WON'T--I WON'T HELP HER! SHE'S RUTHLESS, SELFISH

BUT IF I DIDN'T HELP HER, SHE WOULD SURELY DIE AND I COULD HAVE RICK. SUDDENLY I KNEW I COULDN'T LET HER DIE, EVEN FOR RICK. FRANTICALLY I PULLED, BUT I HAD TO RUN FOR MORE HELP.

GO TO LANA- QUICK! ON PILGRIM HILL- SHE'S HURT! QUICK!

LATER... HERE IN MY ROOM WAS LANA! EXPLAINING HOW RICK HAD REBUFFED HER. SHE HAD LEARNED A BITTER LESSON- AND SO HAD I!....

FORGIVE ME, JILL DEAR. I HAD TO LEARN THE HARD WAY. RICK AND I MEAN NOTHING TO EACH OTHER! I MADE HIM KISS ME!

I SHOOK OFF RICK'S HAND WHEN HE TRIED TO TALK TO ME. WHEN THE RESCUE PARTY WENT FOR LANA, I ESCAPED FROM THAT WHOLE NIGHTMARE.

I HAD PHONED FOR AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE MR. ERIC JAMES AT HIS OFFICE. THE TIME ARRIVED....

I--I-- DON'T KNOW HOW TO BEGIN. WHETHER FIRST TO APOLOGIZE, OR ASK FOR MY JOB BACK

WHICH JOB? RECEPTIONIST, MY ASSISTANT OR SINGER?

I HAVE STILL ANOTHER JOB TO OFFER YOU- THAT OF- MY WIFE.

THEN HE KISSED ME AND I KNEW IT WAS I, AFTER ALL, WHOM HE LOVED. FOR ONCE, LANA'S CHARMS HAD BEEN INEFFECTIVE.

THE  
END



# MY SUMMONS TO LOVE

By ELLEN LYNN

ON graduating from nurse's training school, I volunteered immediately for duty in Korea. I was desperate to get away from everything and everyone I knew. When I left San Diego, and was finally on my way to Tokyo, I felt myself relaxing for the first time in two years. Perhaps so far away from the horror that had come into my life, I would forget. As a nurse, administering to the wounds and suffering of our boys, I thought, I could drive away my own suffering.

I was pretty. Two years ago I had been fun-loving, never lacking dates. Then suddenly I changed, refused to see my friends, turned down all invitations.

In Tokyo, where all the hospital cases were brought from Korea, I plunged into my nurse's task, avoiding the other nurses, and ignoring all the flattering flirtations of the soldiers and medics who tried to date me.

But Dr. Barnes—Ted Barnes—was a disturbing force. He always called on me in particular to work with him. I had learned to admire his patience, his humanity and his brilliance, while stifling the pull of my senses toward his lean handsomeness. One night, or rather, morning (we had worked all through the night on the many serious cases of frostbite), I saw how completely exhausted he was and called him into the ante-room. "Dr. Barnes," I said, "I made you this cup of coffee. You had better drink it." "Why, you sound almost human, Miss Greene," he answered, "Thanks, I think I will." He sat on the sofa and stretched out his long legs, rubbing his thick sandy hair and yawning mightily. I don't know

why, but I turned away hastily. "Where're you going, nurse? Come back. Can't you be 'almost human' just a little longer?" I braced myself. "Is there anything more you want, sir?" He had been smiling but now he looked serious. "Yes—I'd like to talk a while. I must stick around to watch those two last cases. You don't have to—but I wish you'd help me with them." "Very well, I will"—I answered curtly. "Then have some coffee with me," he said, pouring a cup. Without getting up he held it out to me. When I reached for the cup he lowered his hand so that I had to sit next to him on the sofa. I had not expected this personal touch and the air suddenly seemed charged with a high tension. The hot coffee helped to cover my confusion and was soothing. Then, in a low voice, Dr. Barnes started to ask questions: Why so young a girl held herself so aloof from all company? Why so pretty a girl had no interest in men? He knew, he said, how the men talked among themselves and wondered. "You may say it's none of my business," he went on, "but we've been working together for months now. I know nothing of your history, but I know you—and I—" I turned to look at him as he paused. We were so close on that sofa, he could see my eyes filled with tears. Slowly, he drew me to him, and I sank weakly into his arms. My fears vanished in his strong embrace. His kiss on my lips was tender, thrilling, and all my pent-up emotions went into my return kiss. "Darling—Lorna—I've fallen in love with you. I knew that under that cold exterior was this warm heart. Tell me you love me." "I do, Oh, Ted, I do. I love you, I love you!" It was the greatest joy to tell him what I was trying to conceal from myself.



The next days, in the midst of our work, we'd look up—just a glance, a smile—and my heart would leap. That such a wonderful thing should happen to me was unbelievable! Once or twice we got away from the hospital. We went to see the famous sights of Japan—the ancient Shrines and Temples, the Emperor's Palace. But the quiet times together, when I could feel his kisses burning on my lips, when I could unbend in his strong arms—were the happiest of my life. Everyone noticed that we were in love. In the midst of our grim work and many tragic events, our romance gave an uplift to those around us, as though love blooming in the midst of the horrors of war gave hope to all.

But the inevitable happened. I had been lulled by Ted's kisses, his warm embraces into a sort of mental paralysis. All my problems had receded from my mind. Then one evening he talked about marriage. We must set a date, within the next two weeks! The full horror of what I had let myself in for, and Ted, too, came upon me like a shock. What was I doing? How was I to get out of this predicament? I could think of only one way. Play up to other men! It would hurt him—but he'd give up the idea of marrying me.

The next week I avoided him. He was puzzled, tried to talk to me. Once, when he was most insistent, I said, "It's no use—just one of those things, Ted. I promised to see the new medic, Dr. Williams, tonight. No, nothing to explain. Just—this war gets you, you know." My heart was numb. I wanted to die. Then, late one night I was sitting alone, reading, when he found me. He grabbed me by both arms and pulled me out of the chair,—"Lorna, you've got to talk to me. I don't believe anything you've said—except one thing—that you love me. You forget, I'm something of a psychologist. Your dates with others—they're all for

my benefit. Something's the matter, the same trouble that existed before our love."

I was amazed at his grasp of the situation. Held by his hard strength, I couldn't escape and I blurted out: "Ted, you don't know what you're saying. I can never marry you—or anyone. My mother is — insane!" As he staggered back, shocked, I told him: One evening, two years ago, my father said he had something serious to say to me. He had made a bad blunder, he said, but he had been lying to me since my childhood. My mother wasn't dead! She was in the State Institution for the Insane! He finally had to tell me because he had been asked by a boy who was in love with me for permission to marry me.

It was a relief to tell Ted the whole horrible truth, and it poured out of me as though a dam had been released. I knew his efforts to reassure me were prompted by his goodness and his deep love. My love was just as deep. I wouldn't wreck his life. Nothing he could say to me would alter my determination never to marry. Fortunately for my endurance, the next morning he came to tell me he had orders to move out. "This is not the end for us, Lorna," he said. "It can't be. I'll find an answer to the problem." And he was gone.

The next weeks were full of tough, gruesome work. I prayed I would be exposed, get hit, anything, rather than this hopelessness in life. Paradoxically, I worried continuously about Ted. When I learned he had been wounded and returned to the States, I felt a though I had already died.

Then—later a cable came through from the States. And my life was changed—miraculously. It was from Ted! The cable read: "Visited your mother. Surgical case. Curable. Not hereditary. Wedding Bell! Yours—Ted."



# LOVE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

By Lou CAMERON

WITH YOU IN MY ARMS  
I CAN DANCE FOREVER!

HOLD ME MY LOVE /  
YOU AND DANCING ARE  
EVERYTHING IN THE  
WORLD TO ME...

I WAS THRILLED WHEN DAVE MASTERS, MY HIGHSCHOOL SWEETHEART, SUCCEEDED IN GETTING ME A SMALL PART IN THE DEWINTER BALLET... AFTER YEARS OF STUDY, I HAD BEEN GIVEN A CHANCE THAT EVERY DANCE STUDENT DREAMS OF... BUT THRILLED AS I WAS BY MY NEW JOB, I WAS EVEN MORE EXCITED WHEN I SAW THAT THE MALE LEAD OF OUR SHOW WAS TO BE MY IDOL — — —  
THE GREAT PAUL VERRIER.....

OH, LOOK, DAVE... PAUL... MR. VERRIER IS STARTING TO REHEARSE THE NEW DANCE...

ISN'T HE WONDERFUL?

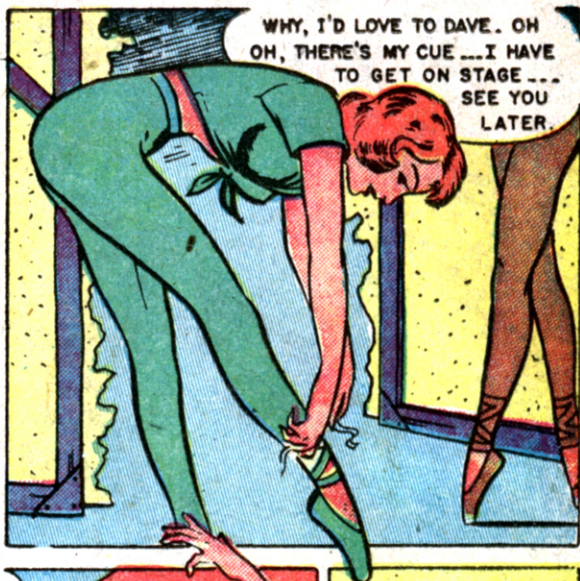
I WOULDN'T KNOW, KITTEN. I WRITE THE PUBLICITY FOR THIS OUTFIT, BUT BALLET IS WAY OVER MY HEAD!

I WAS JUST ONE INEXPERIENCED GIRL IN A LARGE CHORUS AND PAUL, THE STAR, SEEMED WAY OUT OF MY REACH — BUT I COULD DREAM...



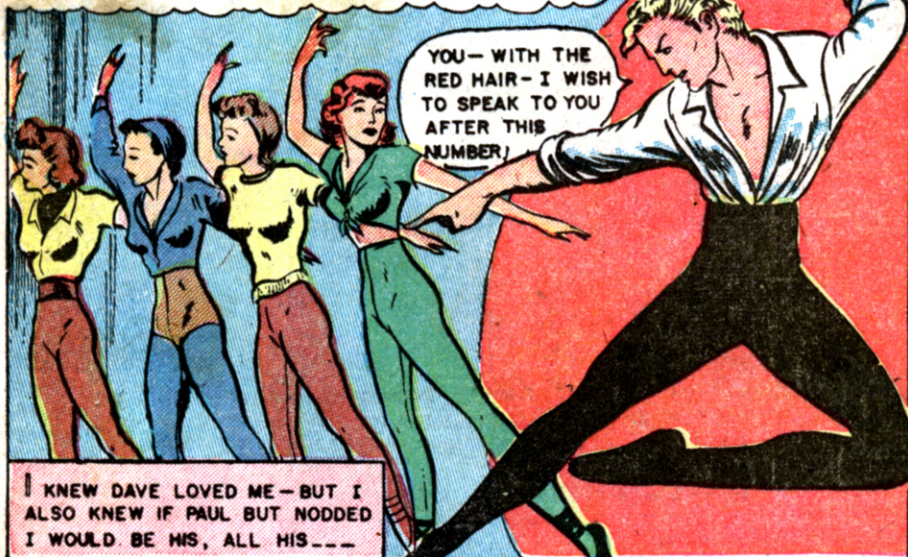
OH, DAVE.... YOU'RE IMPOSSIBLE / I SEE THAT YOU CAN'T TALK BALLET WITH A WRITER.

NOT IMPOSSIBLE, BABY, JUST HIGHLY IMPROBABLE / BUT WHO WANTS TO TALK BALLET AT THE ROLLER DENNY? I HAVE A COUPLE OF TICKETS IF YOU CAN MAKE IT TONIGHT.



WHY, I'D LOVE TO DAVE. OH OH, THERE'S MY CUE.... I HAVE TO GET ON STAGE... SEE YOU LATER.

AS I DANCED MY PART, MY HEART SKIPPED A BEAT... PAUL SEEMED TO SEE ME FOR THE FIRST TIME...



YOU— WITH THE RED HAIR— I WISH TO SPEAK TO YOU AFTER THIS NUMBER!

I KNEW DAVE LOVED ME— BUT I ALSO KNEW IF PAUL BUT NODDED I WOULD BE HIS, ALL HIS...



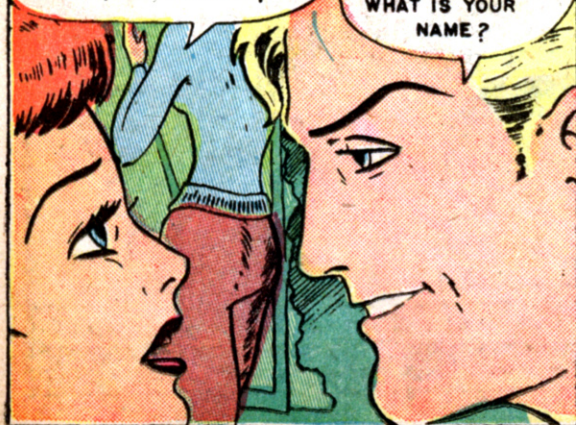
OH, I HOPE I HAVEN'T DISPLEASED HIM!

MY HEART SANK. I DID SO WANT TO IMPRESS HIM. WHAT HAD I DONE THAT WAS WRONG?

LATER...

DID--- DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG, MR. VERRIER?

ON THE CONTRARY, YOU DANCE VERY WELL. WHAT IS YOUR NAME?



I'M GALE WALTON, MR. VERRIER.

DON'T LET MY PUBLICITY IMPRESS YOU, GALE. MY FRIENDS CALL ME PAUL. NOW... DO YOU KNOW THE PRIMA BALLE-RINA'S PART? COULD YOU DANCE IT?





WHY YES...I KNOW THE PART,  
I'VE WATCHED MADMOISELLE  
VACHEC NIGHT AFTER NIGHT...  
BUT I---I'M INEXPERIENCED!

NONSENSE! I'VE  
SEEN YOU DANCE. I  
THINK YOU'RE JUST  
THE ONE WE NEED  
AS UNDERSTUDY.

YOU'LL NEVER GET ANYWHERE IN BALLET  
IF YOU'RE TOO MODEST, GALE -- BORIS, PLAY  
THE THEME FOR THE THIRD ACT ---

BUT...  
BUT...

**PAUL KISSED ME!**

I STARTED TO DANCE,  
HESITANTLY AT FIRST...  
AND THEN, AS I GAINED  
CONFIDENCE, THE  
MUSIC AND PAUL  
SWEEP ME INTO THE  
MOOD OF THE BALLET.  
I FORGOT THAT I  
WAS MERELY A SMALL  
TOWN GIRL WITH A  
BIT PART ---  
THEN SUDDENLY---



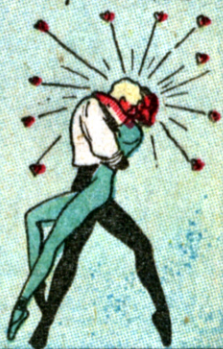
AND WHAT, PAUL,  
MON CHER, IS ZE  
MEANING OF ZIS?

OH HELLO, SONIA.  
GALE--MISS WALTON THAT IS--  
WAS JUST REHEARSING YOUR  
PART. SHE'S TO BE YOUR  
UNDERSTUDY.

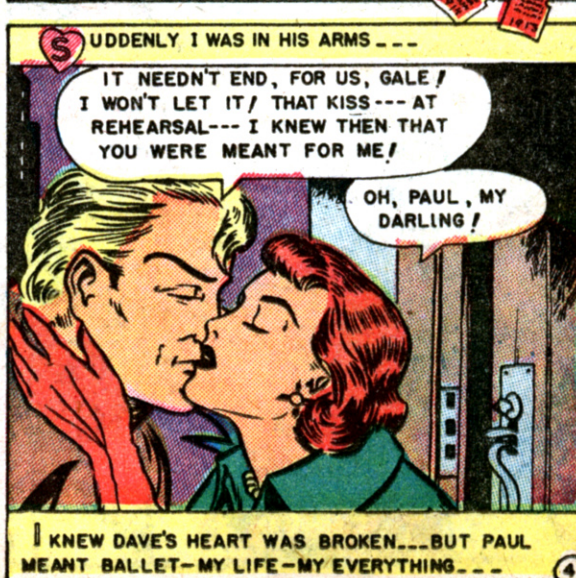
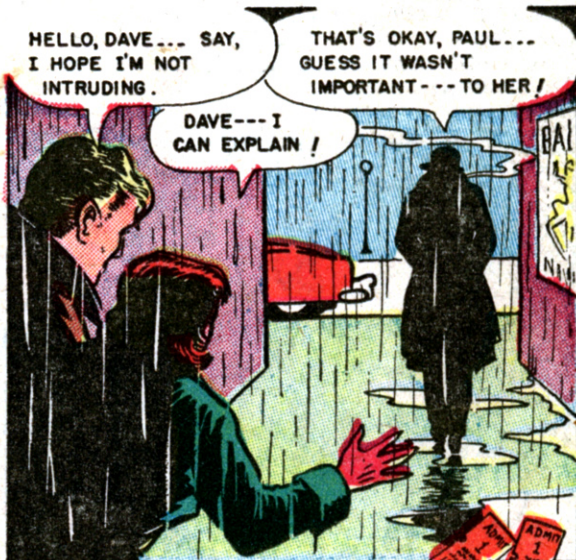
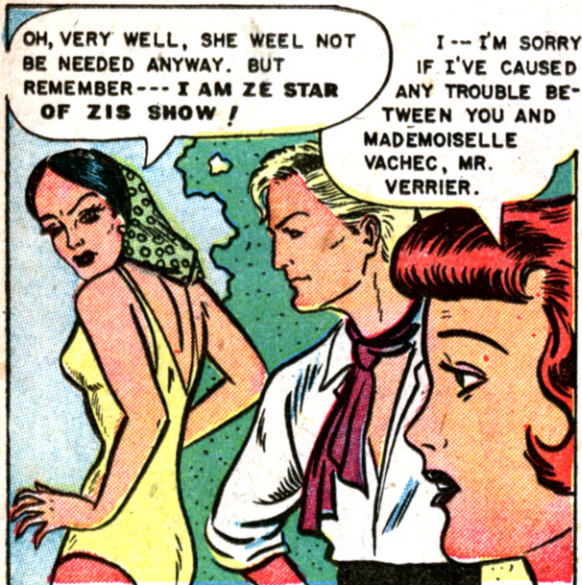
AND SINCE WHEN DO YOU  
DECIDE FOR SONIA, WHO HER  
UNDERSTUDY WEEL BE?

OH, COME NOW, SONIA.  
LET'S NOT HAVE A  
SCENE. GALE IS AN  
EXCELLENT DANCER.  
WHY NOT GIVE  
THE GIRL A  
BREAK?

OF COURSE IT WAS  
JUST A SCENE IN A  
BALLET AND I TOLD  
MYSELF NOT TO BE  
CARRIED AWAY, BUT  
I--I LOST CONTROL  
OF MY EMOTIONS AS  
PAUL'S BURNING  
LIPS TOUCHED  
MINE! THEN---





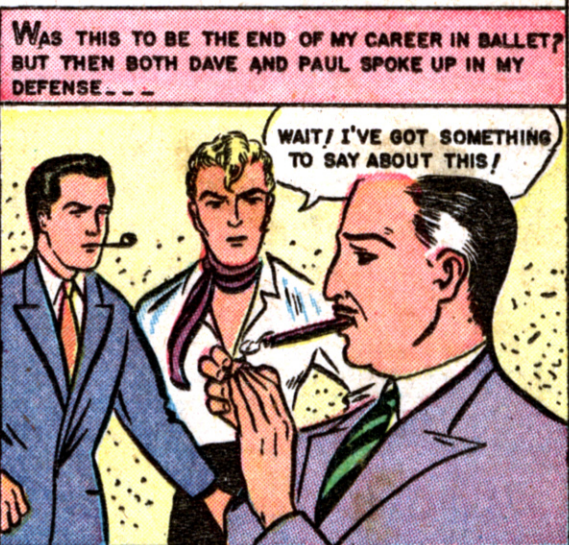
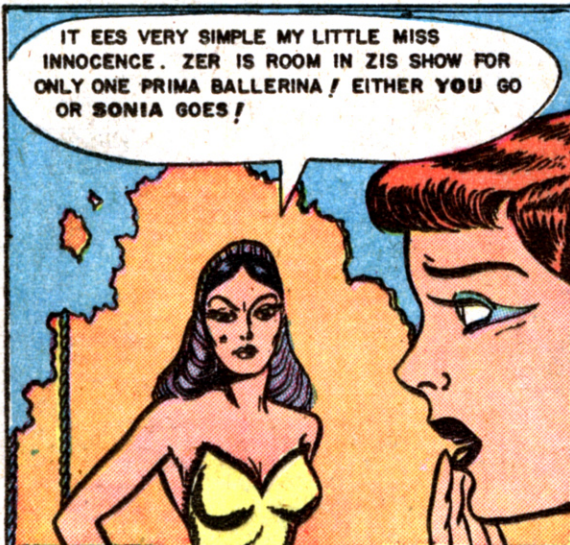




**B**ELIEVING THAT PAUL LOVED ME, I FLOATED FOR DAYS ON A PINK CLOUD. THEN ONE DAY AT THE THEATER ---



**A**S THE PRODUCER SPOKE, I FACED DISASTER / A SHATTERING OF ALL MY HOPES AND DREAMS FOR A CAREER ---





ER---WELL, IN THAT CASE I  
DON'T SEE HOW I CAN LET  
MISS WALTON GO---

BAH! YOU ARE ALL  
AGAINST SONIA!  
VERY WELL--- SHE  
STAYS--- I GO!



THAT NIGHT, AS IN A DAZE, I FOUND MYSELF TAKING  
SONIA'S PLACE / I WAS THE STAR OF THE SHOW---



DANCING WITH PAUL  
--ALL I LIVED FOR,  
ALL I HOPED FOR--  
SEEMED TO BE  
MINE ---

WHEN I'M  
DANCING WITH YOU,  
I'M IN HEAVEN, MY  
DARLING---



AND THEN---IN THE FINAL ACT, WHEN I MADE MY SPECTACULAR

LEAP INTO PAUL'S ARMS---

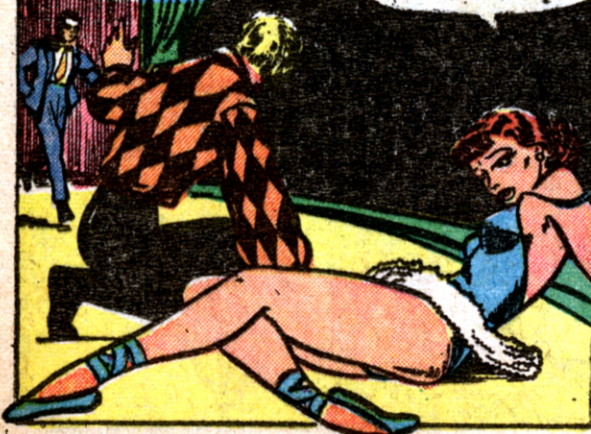
LEAP HIGH,  
MY DEAR--LEAP HIGH.  
HAVE NO FEAR.



--- HE FAILED TO CATCH ME /

DROP THE CURTAIN / QUICKLY!  
ARE YOU HURT, DARLING?

MY--MY ANKLE!  
IT'S BROKEN!



AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS IN THE HOSPITAL, MY WORST  
FEARS WERE REALIZED. ---

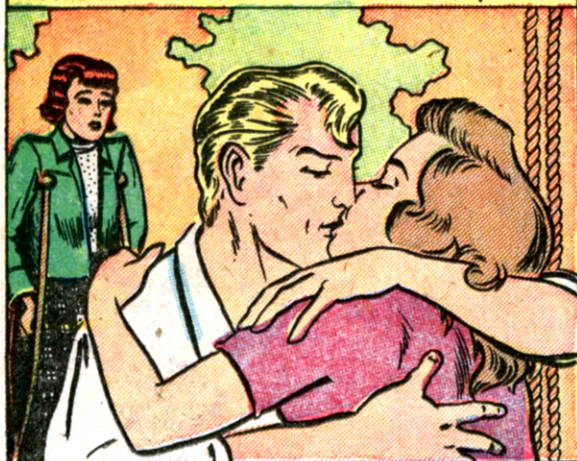
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO WALK IN A  
FEW MONTHS BUT, I'M SORRY TO  
SAY, YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE  
TO DANCE IN THE BALLET  
AGAIN, MISS  
WALTON /

OH, NO !!



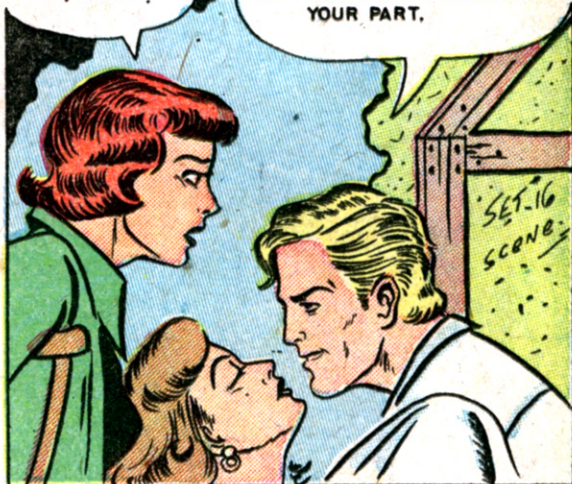


WHEN I RETURNED TO THE THEATER, MY WORLD FELL APART. I KNEW THAT I WOULD NEVER DANCE AGAIN, BUT I HAD FELT SURE OF PAUL'S LOVE--- THEN I FOUND HIM WITH ANOTHER GIRL IN HIS ARMS!



OH, PAUL!

OH, HELLO, GALE... ER... DOLORES--MISS EVANS THAT IS--- WAS JUST REHEARSING YOUR PART.



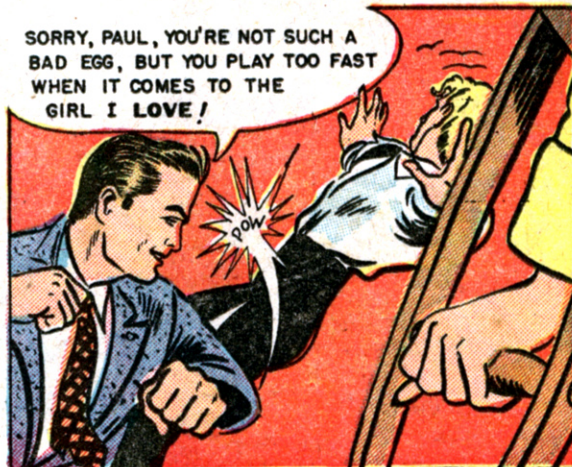
I---I UNDERSTAND. I HOPE YOU'LL BE VERY HAPPY IN YOUR NEW PART, MISS EVANS.

WAIT, GALE!



MY BROKEN HEART KNEW THEN... WHAT TO ME WAS DEATHLESS LOVE, WAS TO PAUL JUST A CHEAP AFFAIR!

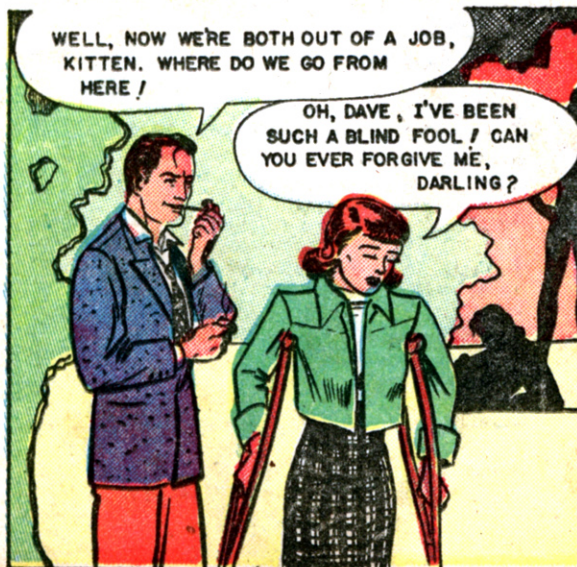
SORRY, PAUL, YOU'RE NOT SUCH A BAD EGG, BUT YOU PLAY TOO FAST WHEN IT COMES TO THE GIRL I LOVE!



YES IT WAS DAVE. THE MAN I HAD HURT, BADLY, EVEN THOUGH HE KNEW IT WOULD MEAN HIS JOB, HE DID WHAT I WANTED TO DO!

WELL, NOW WE'RE BOTH OUT OF A JOB, KITTEN. WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE!

OH, DAVE, I'VE BEEN SUCH A BLIND FOOL! CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME, DARLING?



IN ANOTHER MOMENT I WAS BACK IN THE WARM, PROTECTIVE ARMS I HAD ALMOST FORGOTTEN! THEN, AS HE PRESSED HIS LIPS TO MINE, I KNEW THAT IT WOULD ALWAYS BE DAVE---

THERE'S NOTHING TO FORGIVE, SWEETHEART. BUT THIS TIME IT'S FOREVER!





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